

## Life Reflections of Shirley Jean Parsons Short-Hall

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

**Romans 8:28** 

On February 1, 1944, God rolled back his heavenly clouds, shared his enormous love and gave us Shirley Jean Short-Hall. Shirley was the eldest child of eight, born to the late Elsie Virginia Parsons-Broadard and Clarence Broadard in Wilmington, Delaware. After the passing of her mother at a young age, Shirley was raised by her grandmother, Maggie Gordy Parsons Scott, until her death. In 1972, Shirley moved to Bergenfield, New Jersey, pursuing a bright future for her children and her administrative career with International Multifoods in New York City. Later an opportunity was presented to work closer to home, she became as an Administrative Assistant at the Englewood Police Department, giving 27 years of service, before falling ill and retiring in February, 2013.

Shirley displayed a caring and gentle spirit. Lord, we thank you for this life that was filled with endless service to her family, friends, and her community. Shirley's life reflected strength, courage, and compassion, dedication, devotion and love. Shirley warmed the hearts of others and brought sunshine every day. Shirley displayed a caring and gentle spirit, she truly cherished her family. She loved everyone and never met a stranger. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, reading, playing bid whist, and visiting beachfront locations when travelling. Shirley was a woman who was truly devoted to the organizations to which she belonged. She was a member of Local 108 RWDSU. In February, 1991, a Certificate of Distinguished Achievement was presented to Major Shirley Short-Hall by Captain Mildred F. Taylor. She was a former (daughter) member and officer of the Elks Temple #290. In 1992, she attended the Annual State Convention for the Elks I.B.P.O.E of W. In October, 2001, Shirley received a Certificate of Appreciation for her participation in the Domestic Violence Crisis Response Team Volunteer Training; as well as a Proclamation from the City of Englewood, Office of the Mayor for her diligence and hard work with the Domestic Violence Crisis Response Team, in which she completed a 40-hr Domestic Violence Training Program. The City of Englewood presented Shirley with the Employee Service Award for 20 years of Dedication and Commitment. During her lifetime she radiated a loving and adoring spirit for others. Shirley was one of the 8 Founding Members, and Secretary of GILDA'S CLUB NNJ "Black Task Force", now officially known as the Cultural Outreach Department as well as a member of Sisters Network. Shirley was known to build strong relationships with incoming members.

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As a woman of God, Shirley was a strongly focused leader, mentor, role model and guide. She was the personification of a life well lived. On August 31, 2013, God freed Shirley from her battle to bring her home for eternal rest. She was preceded in death by her youngest of three brothers, Wayne Lewis Broadard. Left to cherish her love and legacy are her children; Charles Benito Parsons Sr., (Helaine Parsons), Shawn Antionette Parsons, Pilar Parsons, LaTanya Tarae Mack, (Tyrone Mack), and Yvette Lilly Holden (Goddaughter): her brothers. Edwin Lee Broadard Sr. (Priscilla Broadard) Alvin Clarence "Doc" Parsons, (Rose Parsons:deceased) and sisters, Phyllis Mae Scales, (Morris Scales) Angeline Joyce Triplett, (Vester Triplett) Sheila Elaine Church, (Grandville Church: deceased) Vanessa Gail Broadard, (Charles Dorsey) Shirley loved each of her brother and sister in laws as if they were her very own. She was so proud of her very special grand-children; Donte' Parsons, Selena Upshaw (Andre Upshaw), Monte Harris, Charles Parsons Jr, Akelah Parsons, Chevanne Mack, Sierra Parsons, Santana Mack, Ziare Parsons. Great-grand children; Taia' & Taivia Parsons, Upshaw, Bailey Upshaw, Shokran Jackson along with a host of great nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was married to Cordell Hall. (Before she was preceded in death by her brother Wayne)

Shirley's favorite expression "Never take those you love for granted"

## For Shirley

So often God sends someone along who just makes everyone feel a little happier; a little more faith in our walk, someone to make us more grateful, a little more forgiving and to show a little more love. You have been that someone to us. We thank God for you being that wonderful person.

The Family

#### **Final Disposition**

(Private Cremation)

Cedar Lawn Crematory

Paterson, New Jersey

# God Looked Around His Garden

God looked around His garden and found an empty place.
Then He looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.
He placed His arms around you and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, for He only takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,

He knew you were in pain,

He saw the road was getting rough

and the hills were hard to climb,

so He closed your eyes and whispered

"Peace be Thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone, a part of us went with you the day God called you home. If love would have saved you, you never would have died.

### **Acknowledgement**

Our family expresses sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during the illness and passing of our dear loved one, the late **Shirley Jean Short-Hall**. It is comforting to know that you share in our loss, and we ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. May you experience the abundance of God's Grace, Love and Mercy always.

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